The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thurſday, May 12, 1726.

From the Evening Poſt, May 5.

Paris, May 11.

THE Queen has had ſeveral ſlight Indiſpoſitions, which have not been attended with any dangerous Conſequences; however her Majeſty has thought fit of late to abſtain going abroad as ſhe uſed to do. Mr. Boreel, Ambaſſador of the States General is hourly expected. The Summer Livreys were ſent this Week for the Domeſticks of the Duke de Richlieu, our Ambaſſador at the Court of Vienna, from whence People infer, that his Excellency is to tarry at the Imperial Court longer than was expected.

Petersburg, April 3. There's no knowing of any Thing that paſſes in the Conferences with the Miniſters. All that we know remarkable is, that the Pruſſian Miniſter does every Thing in his Power to thwart the Negociations of the Court of Vienna. This Day Couriers were diſpatched with Secret Orders to the Governours of Narva, Revel and Riga.

London, May 5. Friday laſt four Waggoners drank ſo much Gin upon their Horſes, that two of them fell off and died next Day at Watford in Hertfordſhire, and 'tis thought the other two cannot live.

From the Poſt-Man, May 5.

Petersburg, April 9. The Czarina holds frequent Conferences with her Miniſters, and there's a Report that the Imperial Ambaſſador the Count de Rabutin, has had ſeveral private Audiences of her; but this may be pretty ſafely depended upon, that he had a long Conference ſome Days ago with Baron d'Oſterman, Great Chancellor of Ruſſia, and is making the extraordinary Preparations for his publick Entry. The 30,000 Men that are to go on board the Ruſſian Fleet, which is equipping with all Speed, are actually ready; but whether they are intended for ſome Expedition, or only for a bare Exerciſe at Sea is not yet certainly known. Several Regiments of Reinforcements are marching to enable the Troops which are already in thoſe Parts to make Head againſt the Tartars, who are advancing in great Numbers to the Frontiers. According to the laſt Advices from Moſcow, the Convoy bound for Aſtracan, is ready to fall down the River of Wolga.

Stockholm, April 20. The Miniſters of the Czarina and the Duke of Holſtein Gottorp, ſtrenuouſly inſiſt with the Court to revoke the Guarantee which they are engaged to in favour of that of Denmark, with Reſpect to the Dutchy of Holſtein Sleſwick. But the Miniſters of Denmark, France and Great Britain, have ſeriouſly repreſented to ours, that if ſuch a Revocation takes Place, then there will be no Faith for the future in Treaties.

Vienna, April 24. The Treaty which was ſigned the 17th Inſtant in Prince Eugene's Preſence, by the Imperial Miniſters, and thoſe of Ruſſia and Sweden, is the Defenſive Alliance concluded at Stockholm the 4th of March 1724, between the late Czar and his Swediſh Majeſty, and is founded on the Treaty of Newſtadt. 'Tis given out the chief Articles of this Treaty are, That in Caſe of a War, the contracting Powers ſhall aſſiſt one another with Troops and Ships, and that they ſhall aſſiſt the Duke of Holſtein in his Pretenſions to the Dutchy of Slewick. Some of the Foreign Miniſters are the more ſurpriſed at this Alliance becauſe the Czarina ſeem'd diſpoſed ſome Time ago to enter into that of Hanover. They talk ſtill of a Congreſs for maintaining the Peace of Europe. Mean Time 'tis ſaid that the Imperial Court is reſolv'd to maintain the Oſtend Company's Grant. Some Advices from Turin ſay, That the King of Sardinia has at length acceded to the Treaty of Hanover, that his Majeſty is recruiting his Troops with all Diligence, and that he intends to augment them to 50,000 Men, ſo that in Conjunction with 20,000 French, they will be able to form an Army in Italy of 70,000 fighting Men, and the neceſſary Funds for their Subſiſtance, are to be advanced by Great Britain and France. But this needs Confirmation.

Paris, May 1. The Decay of Trade, and the Scarcity of Money was one while laid at the Door of M. Dodun, but now People begin to throw all the Blame upon Meſſieurs Paris, and the many ill concerted Projects they have laid before the Council. Above one Thouſand Men have been taken up, who came hither from Bretagne to beg their Bread, rather than ſerve in the Militia; the are enjoin-

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ed under ſevere Penalties to return home immediately on which Condition they're to have their Liberty.

From the Flying Poſt, May 5.

Paris, May 3. The Court does not ſeem well pleaſed with a certain Crown, ſince Advice came of its having entred into a certain Negociation; and in a late Audience which the Miniſter of that Crown had of the Duke of Bourbon, he received him very coldly. A Courier is lately arrived from the D. of Richlieu, who reports, among other Things, That the Emperor makes no Secret of his Reſolution to ſupport the Oſtend Company with all his Power. On the other Hand, we have received Advice from Madrid, That in an Audience which Colonel Stanhope had lately of the K. of Spain, his Catholic Majeſty declared to him, that he would not undertake any Thing againſt Gibralter and Portmahon; That he was reſolved to live in a good Correſpondence with the K. of G. Britain; and that he was alſo inclined to ſtop the Penſions which he pays to the Pretender and the (late) Duke of Ormond, if his Britannic Majeſty inſiſts upon it ever ſo little.

This exceſſive Complaiſance is the more remarkable, conſidering how well it is tim'd, *viz.* juſt at the Departure of the Engliſh Squadron to the W. Indies.

From Miſt's Weekly Journal, April 30.

Mr. Miſt,

THE under-written Lines are a true Copy taken from the Original, affix'd on the Door of our Town-hall, in the North, unlicenſed, yet allowed, for the annual Meeting of itinerant Quakers. If in this Dearth of News your *Journal* will admit of Metre, theſe humble Lines are at your Service, as well as the Author.

O *Price*, who doſt with flowing Eloquence,
Impartial Juſtice in this Court diſpenſe;
Whoſe Sentence unrevers'd, and ſweetned Awe,
Adds Rev'rence to, and dignifies the Law.
Mechanick Orators, fell *Naylor*'s Tribe,
Uſurp thy Bench, and o'er the *Roſtra* ſtride;
Unauthoriz'd, Religion recommend,
Yet neither Law nor Goſpel apprehend;
Of Form abhorrent, yet exceeding trim,
Five Inches terminate Cravat, and Brim
Of Beaver, which no fop Cockade prophanes;
The Birth Day, cut Coat primitive diſdains.
No Sacraments theſe Holders-forth allow,
Tythes, Altars, Church Communion diſavow;
The ſacred Prieſthood make the Stateſman Tool,
The Body's Reſurrection ridicule.
The Word of God, that eyes vain Man's Reſerves,
His covert Schemes, intuitive obſerves,
Thro' all the Doubles of his Heart purſues,
And the unfiniſh'd Thought in Embrio views.
The lively Oracles unerring Guide,
Sole Rule of Faith, debaſe with ſottiſh Pride;
God's holy Word as a dead Letter take,
Subordinate unto their *Spirit* make;
Its Impulſe they attend in doleful Dump,
Their Breaſt belabour, Diaphragma thump;
The Limbs contract, the dancing Eye-ball glows,
And the blanch'd Drivel from th' Extatick flows;
The paralitick Preacher ſtammers, heats,
And Doctrine inarticulate repetes.
But when the inward Light (unerring Pope)
Directs th' embody'd Spirit to elope,
What Flow of Words, what Energy of Cant,
Poſſeſs th' Organick Teacher in his Rant!
Words not his own he bellows, dire Complaints,
And ſtuns the hollow Groanings of the Saints:
So when *Moll Cook* uncurbs the fetter'd Jack,
The rapid Whirl both mocks and drowns her Clack.
Here Female, unaſham'd, joint Stool aſcends,
And brighten'd by the *Spirit*, harangues her Friends:
Old *Sybil* capers, cuts, and vents her Whims,
From Thought Fanatick, and diſtorted Limbs;
The wild Enthuſiaſt cants prophetick Woes
On all, that gifted Gibberiſh oppoſe;
Decries the Hireling Church of *England*'s Son,
And flogs the Scarlet Whore of *Babylon:*
Alert in flippant Whin, and Words uncouth,
She bears her Teſtimony to the Truth.
But if the Spirit ſullen grows, how ſtrong
It's Force! even Motion fails in Female Tongue!
With Air demure, and ſanctified Grin,
(Yet leer expreſſive of the Child of Sin)
Fair *Dorcas* faulters in her ſtrain'd Devotion.
Miſtaking Nature's for the Spirit's Motion:
In vain the raptur'd Laſs in joyous Trance,
Expects her delegated Utterance;
In vain, like *Martin Mar-all* in the Play,
She mimicks vocal Tone, and ſeems to ſay.
Yet the mute Antic makes her Votary
By the Perſwaſive Rhetorick of her Eye:
Enamour'd Crowds doat on the young Beginner,
Who while ſhe plays the Saint, confirms the Sinner,
Long have our Youth for Nocturn Orge been blam'd,
And Agitations quaint (by me unnam'd)
To Nature's Dictates prone; yet ne'er approv'd,
Of Poſtures unnally'd to Fleſh and Blood.
What modern Rake aſſumes th' unhallowed Merit
Of holy Friſks and Paroxiſm of Spirit?

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From Penal Laws exempt, unlicens'd, none
Can act Religion's Farce, or drole our own.
Such flagrant Crimes the Civil Powers engage
To sharp Resentment, and demand our Rage.
Then Magistrates exert, Religion pity.
O *Hun*, expell these Babelers from your City.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, May 7.

Yesterday arrived a Mail from Holland.

LEtters from Petersburg advise, that on the 23d past the Empress of Russia declared the D. of Holstein Lieutenant-Colonel of her Life-guards; That his R. Highness would make the ensuing Campaign in Person; and that he has already nominated 4 experienc'd Officers to be his Aides de Camp; and that a List is published there of the 22 Regiments of Foot that were order'd to embark on board the Fleet. They depend upon the Assistance of the Swedes.

According to some Accounts from Vienna, the Emperor's Accession to the Treaty of Peace in 1721 at Newstadt in Finland, between the late Czar and the King of Sweden; as also that the Alliance lately concluded at Stockholm between these two Powers, has been signed trebly; Prince Eugene of Savoy and the Great Chancellor of the Crown signed for the Emperor; as did the Count de Tessin for the King of Sweden, and M. Lanczinsky, who takes Care of the Russian Affairs at the Imperial Court, on the Part of the Czarina. By virtue of this Guarrantee, the said Powers oblige themselves in case of an Attack, to assist one another Reciprocally.

In the mean time G. Britain has no other Design of sending Sir Charles Wager with a Fleet into the Baltick, than to preserve Peace and Balance of Power in these Northern Parts; to which End he is to act in Concert with his Danish Majesty, whose Fleet is equipping with the utmost Diligence, 9 of their largest Ships are already in the Road of Copenhagen; where Admiral Wager with his Squadron, consisting of 23 Men of War, arrived the 4th Inst. in the Evening, and the next Day came ashore with several English Officers, and went to Fredericksburg to wait on the King, where he had the Honour to dine with his Majesty; after which he embarked in order to sail for the Baltick.

On Thursday 3 more Men of War of 70 Guns, and 540 Men each, were put in Commission at the Admiralty-office.

'Tis said there is to be a Review of the several Troops of Horse and Horse Grenadier Guards by his Majesty on the 16th Inst. in Hide Park.

The Brabanters are apprehensive of a Rupture being near at Hand. It seems there is some Discourse as if Prince Eugene was to set out the 8th Instant from Vienna to the Austrian Netherlands. 'Tis hoped it will not be long before our Letters from the Hague give us the agreeable News of the two remaining Provinces Accession to the Treaty of Hanover.

Last Thursday-night the famous Italian Singer, Signora Faustina, performed with great Applause before his Majesty, their R. Highnesses, and a great Number of the Nobility and Gentry, in the Opera called *Alexander*.

They write from Dublin, that the 22d past being his Excellency the L. Carteret's Birthday, the same was celebrated by great Numbers of People in that City with singular Marks of Affection; That the Lord and Lady Middleton, who lately gave 500 l. to the Hospital in that City, were set out thence for England, in their Way to the Bath.

Yesterday died Sir Richard Sands at his Seat near Deal; he was of an ancient Family in Kent, and one of the oldest Baronets in the Kingdom. He has left no Son, but several Daughters.

This Day the Commons ordered a new Writ for Preston, in Room of Daniel Pulney Esq; who has accepted of the Place of Clerk of the Council of Ireland. 'Tis reported that Mr. Ward will be expelled the House. 'Tis expected that in a few Days a Message will be sent to the Parliament from his Majesty, relating to the Duke of Wharton.

The chief Subject of Discourse runs upon the Affairs in the North, it being apprehended that the first Blow will be given in that Quarter.

'Tis said that Sir William Simpson will, by Reason of his great Age, resign his Place of Cursitor Baron, and be succeded by Sir Will. Thomson Recorder of London.

From the Evening Post, May 7.

Warsaw, April 27. The Troops of Poland and Lithuania have received Orders to be ready for a March; 'tis said they are to form 2 or 3 Camps, and be reviewed by his Majesty.

Brussels, May 9. The Count de Rossy, Minister of France, has obtained of the Government Liberty and free Passage for the Carriages which his Court sends with Money to Holland, without paying the Transit-duty. Since which one of these Carriages passed thro' here with 52000 Louis d' Or, and is shortly to be followed by such another.

London, May 7. The last Day of this Month is fixed

fixed for the King's going to reſide at his Palace at Kenſington. And we hear that the 2d of June is fixed for the Court at Leiceſter houſe to remove to Richmond for the Summer.

S. S. Stock 102, 5 8ths. York Build. 16, 1 half.

From the Flying Poſt, May 7.

Hague, May 14. 'Tis ſaid that Prince Eugene is to ſet out on the eight from Vienna for the Auſtrian Netherlands, from whence ſome imagine, that a Rupture is near at Hand, tho others ſay he is to come incog. We are aſſured, that in caſe of a War, the Duke of Berwick will command the French Army, and that the Duke of Bourbon has found out a Fund of 30 Millions of Livres, to defray the Expences of it. The Count de Wrangel Governour of Bruſſels, and Great Maſter of the Artillery, is declared Field Marſhal General of the Emperor's Forces. They write from Dantzick, that ſome Poliſh Troops are advanced to the Frontier of their Territory, That the Nobility of the Palatinates of Mazuria and Great Poland, are mounted on Horſeback, with all their Vaſſals fit to ſerve, to the Number of 30,000 Men; That the Magiſtrates of Dantzick are therefore upon their Guard, and that the Pruſſians who watch their Motions, are augmented to 10,000 Men. Some Advices from the North ſay, that the Ruſſian Fleet is actually at Sea.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Exciſe-Office, Edinburgh May 4th, 1726.

WHereas Mr. George Archibald, Officer of Exciſe at Falkland, was Way-laid, and moſt inhumanely beat and abuſed by two Men and a Boy, when ſurveying the Country Part of his Diviſion, viz. betwixt *Strathmiglo* and Aughtermughtie, on the 14th Day of April laſt 1726. The Commiſſioners of Exciſe at Edinburgh, do hereby promiſe a Reward of Twenty Guineas to any Perſon who ſhall diſcover any or either of them that were guilty of that Barbarity, payable by the ſaid Commiſſioners, to ſuch Diſcoverer upon the Conviction of the ſaid Offenders or any or either of them. *Signed* by Order of the Commiſſioners.

RICH. DOWDESWELL.

[§] That the Roup and *Sale* of certain EQUIVALENT DEBENTURES, to the Amount of L. 1368 ſterl. of principal, with the Intereſt due thereupon from Michaelmaſs 1724, formerly advertiſed to have been within the Parliament-houſe of Edinburgh, upon the 26th of April laſt, was adjourned to the 17th Inſtant: Upon which Day, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 4 after Noon, the Roup and *Sale* of the ſaid Debentures, and Intereſt due thereupon, is to proceed the Parliament-houſe, before the Lord. Pancaitland, or the Lord Ordinary on the Bills for the Time.

‖+‖ The Lands of EASTER-LIVILANDS, of about L. 900 yearly Rent, having a convenient little Houſe, lying in the Pariſh of St. Ninian's, near Stirling; are to be expoſed to Sale by way of Roup, by the Truſtees for Hugh Paterſon Chirurgeon in Edinburgh and his Creditors, upon Wedneſday the 8th Day of June next, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 4 in the Afternoon. The Particulars of the Rental and Progreſs of the Rights, with the Conditions of Sale, are to be ſeen in the Hands of James Armour, Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber near the Market croſs of Edinburgh.

Fiſhery-Office, 12 May, 1726.

The Managers of the Copartnery are to expoſe to publick Sale, at their Office, TUESDAY being the 17th Inſt. at 3 after Noon, at the following low Rates, for Encouragement of Bidders, viz.

Four new Herring-nets, at 3 L. ſterl. each.

Eight ditto, containing 110 undreſs'd ditto, at 15 ſh. each.

Utenſils for a Twine-work per Inventary, to be ſet up at L. 9, 17, 8 ſterl.

Ditto for a Rope-band, per ditto, to be ſet up at L. 17 10 ſh. ſterl.

Ditto for a Barking-houſe, per ditto, to be ſet up at L. 14, 16, 4 ſterl.

The above Goods will be ſhown at Leith by David Daes the Copartnery's Agent, and the Inventaries and Articles of Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-market. Alſo there will be expoſed to public *Sale* at the ſaid Office, and at the ſame Hour, 88 Laſts, 1 3d of Herring Barrels lying at Peterhead, in one Lot, at 14 ſh. per Laſt.

Notice is alſo hereby given, That the Managers of the Fiſhing Copartnery are to expoſe to publick Sale by Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-Market in Edinburgh, on Tueſday the 5th of July next, at three in the Afternoon, the Lands and Fiſhertoun of Peterhead with the Pertinents, and others belonging to the ſaid Copartnery, lying in the Pariſh of Peterhead and Shire of Aberdeen, the yearly Rental whereof amounts to 191 Bolls 2 Pecks of Bear, 199 Bolls and 2 Pecks 1 3d Meal, 2 Bolls of Oats, and L. 80. 4. 3 16th *Sterling* of Money Rent and Feu Duties, being the neat free Rent, over and above the Miniſters Stipend. Item the Feus of 37 Houſes in Stonehaven, and Fiſh Boats in the ſaid Town, belonging to the ſaid Copartnery, lying in the *Sheriffdom* of Kincardin, the Free Rent whereof, amounts in all to L. 7. 12. 1 6th *Sterling*. Any Perſon who intends to bid for the above *Purchaſe*, may ſee the Particulars of the Rental, the Copartnery's Right, and the Conditions of *Sale*, at the Copartnery's Office.

*** There will be publiſhed, immediately after Riſing of the preſent General Aſſembly of this Church, A true Hiſtorical Relation of Mr. JAMES CHALMERS, Miniſter of Dyke, his Call and Admiſſion to the Vacancy in the Town of Aberdeen, in room of the Rev. Mr. Francis Melvil, Miniſter of the Goſpel: Wherein is ſet forth, 1, The Riſe of the Differences in Aberdeen concerning that Matter, which is now grown into a public Cauſe, and ſeems (juſtly) to have alarmed the whole Church of Scotland. 2, The Conduct of the ſeveral Church-judicators, particularly the *Commiſſion*, herein. 3, The Conſequences which that Settlement will probably have in Aberdeen, and may ſerve to introduce elſewhere, if not remedy'd. 4, What the Radical Judicatories of the Church (the Supreme not excepted) may apprehend, with reſpect to their Intrinſick Power, from ſuch Inſtances, but more eſpecially this, if ſcruff'd over. As alſo, containing Mr. Chalmers's own Conduct, and the Part that the ſeveral Societies and Perſons more directly engag'd, have acted from firſt to laſt, for and againſt his Tranſportation, and from what known Influence. Together with the Characters of a few on both Sides, drawn chiefly from their Management, and the Methods they puſh'd their Deſigns by. Some proper Reflections, and uſeful Obſervations, are intermixed throughout. *Jer.* 23, xi. *Pſal.* 74. vi. *John* 10. i.